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1. An order for the construction of a 6,000 GRT coal and ore carrier was placed with the Warnow-Werft in Warnemuende by the Main Shipbuilding Administration of the Ministry for the Construction of Transportation and Agricultural Machinery. This freighter which was to be laid on the stocks in December 1953, was to be built for East Germany, rather than on reparations account.

2. [REDACTED] the monthly expenditures of the Warnow-Werft ran to 8,000,000 eastmarks. This total was raised by intermediate accounts and bank loans. Geist estimated the total yearly amount required by the East German shipyards at about 1,000,000,000 eastmarks exclusive of investments.

3. The SOVIETSKI SOYUZ was reconditioned for use as a passenger ship and, except for a few parts of her sides, was completely reconstructed. While the first estimates for her repair were 67,000,000 eastmarks, the last calculation amounted to 113,000,000 eastmarks.

the SOVIETSKI SOYUZ was not replaced by a new ship [redacted] no shipyard in East Germany or in the USSR would have been in a position to build a 23,000 GRT merchant ship. [redacted]

4. The ILYICH, a sister ship to the RUS, formerly CORDILLERA, was expected to put into the Warnow-Werft shipyard in October 1953 for general overhaul. The ILYICH has long been trading under the Soviet flag.

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